



HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

POLICE SEEK SUSPECT FOR ANNOYING A CHILD

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – July 31, 2009 – On Thursday, July 16, 2009 at about 3:50 pm officers of the Hollister Police Department responded to a report of a suspicious male attempting to contact young children in the 1000 block of Del Rio Court. The man was attempting to give the children stuffed animals. A relative of the children contacted the man, who immediately fled the area. The reporting party called the Hollister Police Department approximately 35 minutes after the incident. Police officers made a full check of the area at the time, but the man could not be located.

Witnesses described the man as an older male wearing khaki-colored pants, a green shirt and a beige hat. The man was carrying a bag with stuffed animals.

On Thursday, July 30, 2009 at about 2:45 pm the Hollister Police Department received a report that the same man was back in the area, carrying a bag of dolls and again attempting to contact children. A relative of the children attempted to contact the man, who once again fled the area. A resident who witnessed the July 16 incident called the Hollister Police Department. A full check of the area was made but the suspect was not found. This time he was reportedly wearing yellow pants and a black shirt.

Based on information from the witnesses, the suspect is described as approximately 60 years old, 5'4," slender-medium build, with possibly a mustache or goatee.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is requested to contact Detective Don Pershall or Sergeant George Ramirez at 636-4330. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call **WeTIP** at **(800) 78-CRIME**.

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